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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM EXPLORATION BIDS INVITED

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1. LEBANON'S OIL MINISTRY THIS WEEK INTENDS TO ADVERTISE
FOR PETROLEUM EXPLORATION ON AND OFFSHORE LEBANON.
ADS WILL BE PLACED IN THE TRADE PRESS AND CABLES SENT
TO FIRMS WHICH PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED INTEREST, ACCORDING OIL
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MINISTRY.

2. WAY BEING CLEARED FOR AWARD NEW RIGHTS BY PUBLICATION
JULY 31 OF GOL DECREE NO. 10537 WHICH CALLS FOR
CURRENT CONCESSION AND LICENSE HOLDERS TO SHOW CAUSE
WHY THEIR RIGHTS SHOULD NOT BE CANCELLED. WITH MINOR
LANGUAGE MODIFICATIONS, THIS DECREE IS SAME AS DRAFT
LAW SUBMITTED BEIRUT A-102. IN PRACTICE, IT IS
ASSUMED THREE EXISTING CONCESSION/LICENSES WILL BE CANCELLED
TO PERMIT AWARD NEW RIGHTS TO QUALIFIED COMPANIES.
ALTHOUGH DECREE GIVES CURRENT RIGHTS HOLDERS
"NO RECOURSE EVEN FOR ABUSE OF POWER", CONCESSIONAIRE
AND LICENSEES MIGHT FIND LEGAL MEANS TO OBJECT TO
LOSS THEIR RIGHTS. AT LEAST ONE AFFECTED PARTY APPEARS TO BE
AMERICAN. SEEMS LIKELY THAT TERMS NEW RIGHTS
WILL BE LONG 80/20 PRODUCTION-SHARING CONTRACT
TENTATIVELY AGREED WITH TRIPCO PETROLEUM (A-102).

3. TRIPCO'S TENTATIVE AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, SEEMS TO HAVE
EXPIRED WITH THE GOVERNMENT WHICH AWARDED IT. OIL
MINISTRY SAYS TRIPCO WILL BE TREATED SAME AS OTHER
APPLICANTS. AMEMBASSY LONDON MIGHT PASS THIS INFORMATION
TO JOHN TOLLESON, TRIPCO PETROLEUM INC., 36 HERTFORD
STREET, LONDON.
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